

ABSTRACT

A system for managing a bill of materials includes a data structure having at least one record with a primary key data field, an owner data field for indicating the owner of the record, the owner data field including data representative of one of a plurality of owners, and at least one other data field. In another aspect, the system for managing a bill of materials includes a database having a single namespace, and at least one record with a primary key data field, an owner data field for indicating the owner of the record, the owner data field including data representative of one of a plurality of owners, and at least one other data field.